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SUBJECT: EMBASSY STATEMENT ON MIDWAY PLANE CRASH

FOLLOWING IS EMBASSY STATEMENT ON MIDWAY CRASH ON NOV 12:
QUOTE BEGIN FYI: SEARCH PARTIES HAVE DISCOVERED THE WRECKAGE
OF A US NAVY A-7 CORSAIR II AIRCRAFT AND THE BODY OF ITS PILOT
NEAR MT FUJI, ABOUT 10 MILES SOUTHEAST OF KOFU, JAPAN.

THE PLANE, FROM VA (ATTACK SQUADRON) 93 STATIONED ABOARD
USS MIDWAY, WAS ON A ROUTINE TRAINING FLIGHT FROM IWAKUNI
TO ATSUGI LAST NIGHT WHEN IT WAS REPORTED MISSING ABOUT
7 P.M.

SEARCHERS DISCOVERED THE WRECKAGE ABOUT 2 A.M. TUESDAY
MORNING IN AN UNPOPULATED, HILLY AREA KNOWN AS JUNI-
GATAKE. THE BODY OF THE PILOT WAS FOUND NEARBY. THERE
WERE INDICATIONS THE PILOT HAD NOT EJECTED PRIOR TO THE
CRASH. THERE WERE NO REPORTS OF PROPERTY DAMAGE. END
FYI

IN RESPONSE TO INQUIRES FROM THE MEDIA, YOU MAY RESPOND
WITH THE FOLLOWING:

1. THE AMERICAN EMBASSY REGRETS THAT THE ACCIDENT OCCURED.

2. THE US AUTHORITIES WILL CONDUCT A THOROUGH INVESTIGATION
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OF THE ACCIDENT AND WILL GIVE THE RESULTS TO THE GOJ

AS SOON AS THE RESULTS ARE AVAILABLE.

3. US AUTHORITIES ARE TAKING MEASURES TO PREVENT A REOCCURRENCE
OF SUCH AN INCIDENT. UNQUOTE
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